technology and sugarcane development including better irrigation facilities, improved seed variety, ratoon management, etc.

(iv) A short term scheme has been announced for cane development in the current financial year under which loans of Rs.1-2.5 crores will be available to sugar factories depending upon their crushing capacity, for purchase of seeds, fertilizers and pesticides etc. This loan is expected to be passed on to the farmers.

Donation to a political party by PSUs

*97. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR:
SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during 2007-08, State Trading Corporation (STC) and Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation (MMTC) gave donations to political parties;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government companies like STC and MMTC can give public money to political parties as donations;

(d) if so, under what authority; and

(e) if not, the action taken or proposed to be taken against guilty persons?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ANAND SHARMA): (a) and (b) MMTC and STC did not give donation during 2007-08 to any political party which figured in the list of Recognised National/State parties or in the list of Registered Unrecognised Parties maintained by the Election Commission of India as available in their compilation "Political Parties and Election Symbols" on their official website. However, National Students Union of India (NSUI) made a request in January, 2007 to both the organisations to contribute for conducting a quiz programme as part of the nation-wide campaign as Centenary Celebrations of Satyagraha. The programme envisaged organizing quiz shows along with cultural performances in various universities across the country. For this, NSUI had identified 44 important universities classified into six different zones and the total number of quiz shows to be organized was indicated to be 52 in number. NSUI had also indicated confirmed participation from some well known social, political, film, academics and media luminaries. They had provided the details of organizing one quiz competition at Rs.2.52 lakhs and requested for suitable contributions from both the organisations. MMTC and STC both provided Rs.1 lakh each of NSUI as part of cost of organising the programme. However, it has been noticed that while filing the return with the Election Commission of India for the year 2007-08, All India Congress Committee has reflected this contribution as a part of the donations received by the party Indian National Congress for the financial year 2007-08 as required under section 29C(1) of the Representation of the People Act, 1951.

*Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) and (d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise as both the organisations did not contribute any donation to any political party and NSUI does not appear in the list of Recognised National/State parties or in the list of Registered Unrecognised Parties maintained by the Election Commission of India as available in their compilation "Political Parties and Election Symbols" on their official website.

Repatriation of Chinese working on business visa

*98. SHRI NANDAMURI HARIKRISHNA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is aware of the working of 30,000 Chinese nationals in various power projects in the country on business visas against the norms;

(b) if so, the details of Chinese workers working in various projects, since how long they are working and the reasons for not taking action against such illegal workers till September, 2009;

(c) whether all the illegal Chinese workers have been repatriated, as has been directed by his Ministry before October, 2009;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The presence of large number of Chinese workers in various power projects in the country on business visas has been reported/noted. In the present liberalized economic environment Indian companies/organizations are awarding work for execution of projects/contracts to foreign companies, including Chinese companies. This has resulted in inflow of foreign nationals, including Chinese nationals, for execution of projects/contacts in several sectors e.g. steel, power, etc. The project team executing such projects/contracts includes some unskilled and semi-skilled workers. Details of Chinese nationals working in various projects are not centrally maintained.

(c) to (e) Review has indicated that a number of foreign nationals, including Chinese nationals, coming for execution of projects/contracts in India have come on Business Visa instead of the Employment Visa. It has, therefore, been decided that henceforth Business visa will be issued only to bonafide businessmen who want to visit India to establish an industrial/business venture or to explore possibilities to set up industrial/business venture in India or who want to purchase/sell industrial products or commercial products or consumer durables etc. It has also been decided that all foreign nationals coming for execution of projects/contracts in India will have to come only on an Employment Visa and that such visa will be granted only to skilled and qualified professionals appointed at senior level, and will not be